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# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Merhle Warfield Farm

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 7301 Damascus Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Etchison \_\_\_X vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Montgomery

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>X</u> agriculture	___ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Merhle B. Warfield, Jr. et al

street &amp; number 7301 Damascus Road telephone no.: 301-253-2628

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20879

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 6893

street &amp; number folio 280

city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Merhle Warfield dairy barn is a stanchion barn constructed of rusticated concrete block with a metal-sheathed, wood-framed, "self-supporting truss" gambrel roof. The original portion, built in 1930, is seven bays long and has a concrete block dairy (milk house) attached by a covered passageway to the northeast of the barn. The barn has received two additions, a four bay by five bay section built at the northwest end in 1937, and a seven bay section built at the southeast end in 1957. Both additions are of concrete block and continue the original roof line. A silo constructed of concrete tiles wrapped with steel tension rods stands at the southwest side of the 1930 center section of the barn.

The three sections of the barn vary somewhat. In the 1930 portion the rusticated concrete blocks are tan colored with greyish-white blocks used around the windows and as quoins at the corners. The 1937 portion has a similar pattern of concrete blocks, except large wood lintels are used over the windows. The windows in both of these sections consist of single panels of glass in metal frames resting at an inward angle on a hopper-like frame. The glass panels are recent replacements for the original wood sash. The walls of the 1957 portion are flush concrete blocks of uniform color. The windows contain four-light metal window sash; the bottom two lights are fixed and the upper two lights swing inward.

The gambrel roof on the barn is covered with sheet metal which has been painted silver. Three dormers project from the northeast side of the roof and give access to the hay mow above the milking floor. The dairy has a gable roof covered with its original metal roofing. Two small ventilators are mounted on the ridge of this roof.

The interior of the barn consists of a concrete floor, plastered walls, and wood ceiling of narrow, beaded boards. A driveway runs the length of the barn. On each side of the driveway are the manure gutters, cow platforms, metal pipe stanchions, and feed troughs. Metal columns support boxed wood beams.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1930, 1937, 1957 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Merhle Warfield barn is a good example of a still functioning dairy barn constructed in eastern Montgomery County during the third and fifth decades of the twentieth century. By examining the details of the three sections, the original 1930 midsection, the 1937 addition to the north, and the 1957 addition to the south, one can see in one building the change in design and materials that occurred over this period of time. The Merhle Warfield barn is quite typical of these changes.

The 1930 section was built of high quality rusticated concrete blocks, with white blocks accenting the corners and window openings against the darker tannish-grey blocks. Window lintels were formed from the white blocks, also. The 1937 section is similar except that the window and door lintels are large wood lintels painted white. This is very typical of barns built in the late 1930's, and indicates that the quality of the design and its execution had declined somewhat during the years of the Depression. By the time the 1957 section was built, aesthetics were of even less concern, for the concrete blocks are flush, grey, rougher, and considerably less interesting to look at than their 1930's counterparts. This trend began in the 1940's and was a result of the hard economic times before the war and the scarcity of materials during and immediately after the war.

The interior of the barn is a classic example of the modern, sanitary dairy barn decreed by the health officials who regulated milk production. Although county regulations did not go into effect until after 1934, farmers were being encouraged to construct specialized milking barns which could be kept cleaner than the older wood bank barns. This barn complies with the suggestions for greater cleanliness. Its floor is concrete and has the easier-to-clean manure gutter, metal stanchions, and concrete manger. The walls are hard plaster. The ceiling consists of tight-fitting, narrow, beaded wood boards, intended to prevent dust and hay from sifting down out of the hayloft and into the milking area. Walls and ceiling are painted white to preserve the appearance of cleanliness. Any dirt is immediately apparent.

Thus, the Merhle Warfield barn is an excellent example of the type of dairy barn which became so prevalent in Montgomery County after 1930.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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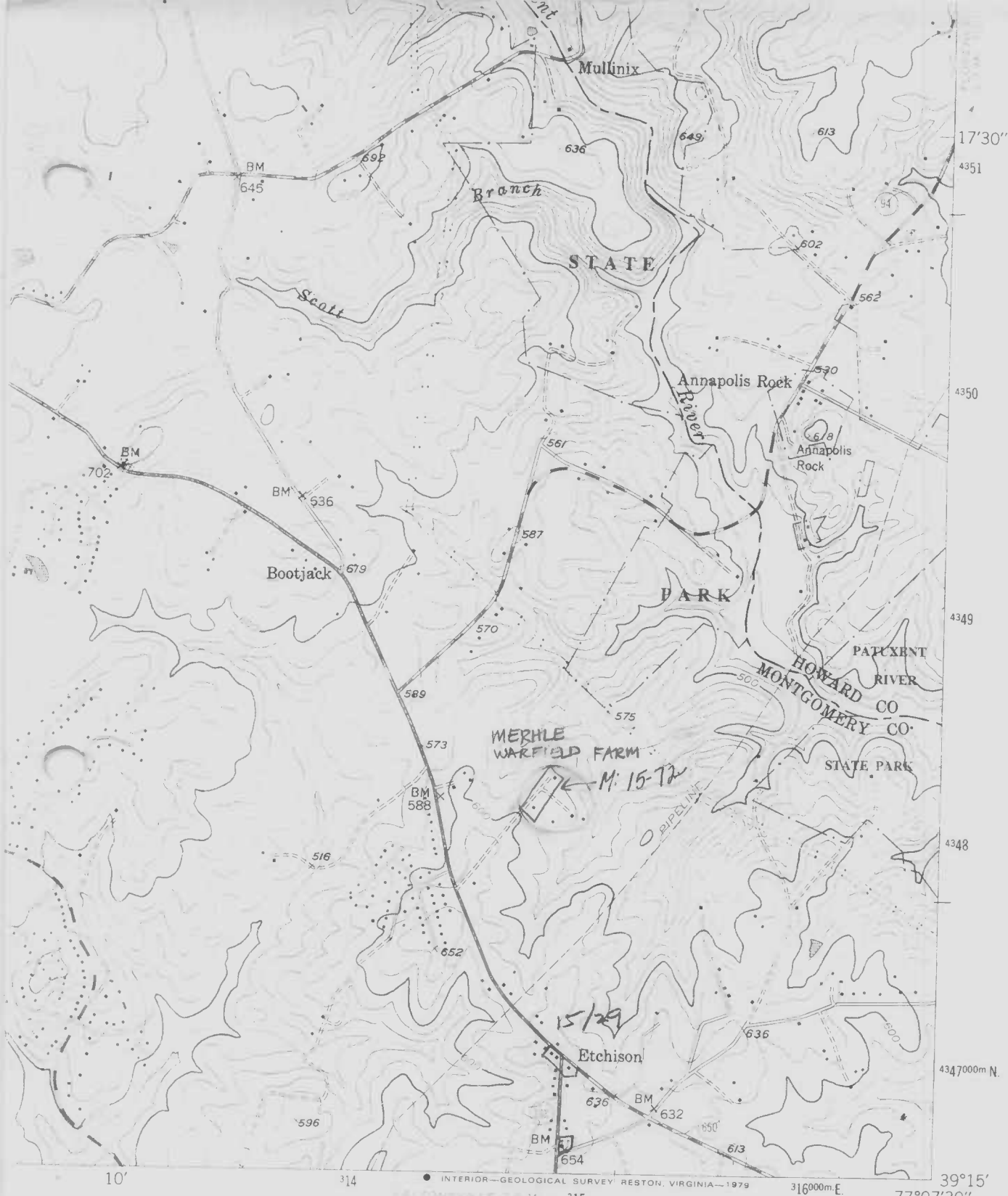
## 11. Form Prepared By

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street & number	telephone		
city or town	Rockville	state	Maryland

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#### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———

U. S. Route State Route

DAMASCUS, MD.

N3915—W7707.5/7 5

Boundary lines shown in purple compiled from latest  
 information available from the controlling authority

(SANDY SPRING)  
 5562 11 NE



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Merhle Warfield Farm

7301 Damascus Road

Etchison, MD

Andrea Rebeck

1987

North elevation





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Merhle Warfield Farm

7301 Damascus Road

Etchison, MD

Andrea Rebeck

1987

West elevation



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Raymond Warfield Farm

8131 Damascus Road

Damascus, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Henhouse

Looking north



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Raymond Warfield Farm

8131 Damascus Road

Damascus, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

1916 barn

Southwest elevation



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Raymond Warfield Farm

8131 Damascus Road

Damascus, MD

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Dairies

Southeast elevation





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Raymond Warfield Farm

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1916 barn

Northwest elevation